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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the second, nonfinal Official Action of April 24, 2003.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the continued thorough examination of the present application that is reflected in the second, nonfinal Official action of April 24, 2003. Applicant also appreciates the withdrawal of the earlier rejection of Claims 1, 3, 19 and 21 based on U.S. Patent 6,108,321 to Ranta et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,177,906 to Petrus, and the continued indication that Claims 7-18 and 25-36 are allowed, and that Claims 2, 4-6, 20 and 22-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As was the case in Applicant's response of March 11, 2003 to the first, nonfinal Official Action of February 27, 2003, it would be a simple matter to rewrite the objected to claims in independent form and cancel the four rejected claims (Claims 1, 3, 19 and 21). However, upon careful analysis, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 3, 19 and 21 are not obvious over the newly cited U.S. Patent 5,214,391 to Serizawa et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,177,906 to Petrus. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejection for the reasons that will be described below.